

What is claimed is:

1. A print order system comprising:

order reception servers enabling reception of order information regarding image data via a network and installed respectively in a plurality of photograph processing agencies each having a photographic printer for printing the image data; and

an order terminal connected to the order reception servers via the network, the order terminal generating the order information and placing an order for a print of the image data by transferring the order information to a corresponding one of the order reception servers installed in a specific one of the photograph processing agencies after directly accessing the order reception server of the specific photograph processing agency.

2. A print order system as defined in Claim 1, wherein the order information is generated and transferred by a program installed in the order terminal, the program causing a computer to execute the procedures of generating the order information and transferring the order information to the order reception server installed in the specific photograph processing agency.

3. A print order system as defined in Claim 2, wherein the program is recorded in a recording medium, the recording medium further recorded with access information used for accessing the order reception server of the specific photograph processing agency, and the order terminal reads the access

information from the recording medium and accesses the order reception server of the specific photograph processing agency based on the access information that has been read.

4. A print order system as defined in Claim 3, wherein the photograph processing agencies respectively have recording means for recording the access information in the recording medium having the program recorded therein.

5. A print order system as defined in Claim 1 or 2, wherein the access information used for accessing the order reception server of the specific photograph processing agency is recorded in a recording medium, and

the order terminal reads the access information from the recording medium and accesses the order reception server of the specific photograph processing agency based on the access information that has been read.

6. A print order system as defined in Claim 1 or 2, wherein access information used for accessing the order reception server of the specific photograph processing agency is printed on a printing medium, and

the order terminal reads the access information from the printing medium and accesses the order reception server of the specific photograph processing agency based on the access information that has been read.

7. A print order system as defined in Claim 1 or 2, wherein access information used for accessing the order reception server of the specific photograph processing agency is obtained from

a predetermined Web server, and

the order terminal accesses the order reception server of the specific photograph processing agency based on the access information that has been obtained.

5 8. A print order system as defined in Claim 1 or 2, wherein access information used for accessing the order reception server of the specific photograph processing agency is input to the order terminal, and

10 the order terminal accesses the order reception server of the specific photograph processing agency based on the access information that has been input thereto.

15 9. A print order system as defined in Claim 1, wherein the order terminal accesses the order reception server of the specific photograph processing agency and obtains photograph processing agency information regarding the specific photograph processing agency.

20 10. A print order system as defined in Claim 9, wherein the photograph processing agency information includes a charge of the print and the time of delivery of the print.

25 11. A print order system as defined in Claim 1, wherein the order reception server notifies the order terminal of status of printing based on the order information.

 12. A print order system as defined in Claim 1, wherein the photograph processing agencies respectively have attachment information output means for printing attachment information to be attached to the print, based on the order information.

13. A printing system installed in a photograph processing agency, the printing system comprising:

a photographic printer for outputting a print of image data; and

5 an order reception server enabling reception of order information via a network, the order information being generated by an order terminal used for placing an order for the print of the image data.

10 14. A printing system as defined in Claim 13, further comprising recording means for recording, in a recording medium, access information used for accessing an order reception server installed in a specific photograph processing agency, the recording medium having a program recorded therein to cause the order terminal to execute generation and transfer of the order information.

15 15. A printing system as defined in Claim 13 or 14, further comprising attachment information output means for outputting attachment information to be attached to the print, based on the order information.

20 16. A printing system as defined in Claim 13, wherein the order terminal is notified of status of printing based on the order information.

25 17. An order terminal installed in a photograph processing agency, the photograph processing agency having a photographic printer for outputting image data as a print, the order terminal being connected via a network to an order reception

server, the order reception server enabling reception of order information regarding the image data, and the order terminal generating the order information and placing a print order regarding the image data by transferring the order information to an order reception server installed in a specific photograph processing agency after directly accessing the order reception server of the specific photograph processing agency.

18. An order terminal as defined in Claim 17, wherein the order information is generated and transferred according to a program, the program causing a computer to execute the procedures of generating the order information and transferring the order information to an order reception server installed in a specific photograph processing agency.

19. An order terminal as defined in Claim 18, the program being recorded in a recording medium, the recording medium further recorded with access information used for accessing the order reception server in the specific photograph processing agency, and the order terminal reading the access information from the recording medium and accessing the order reception server installed in the specific photograph processing agency based on the access information that has been read.

20. A program causing a computer to execute the procedures of:

generating order information regarding image data; and
transferring the order information to an order reception server installed in a specific photograph processing agency

by directly accessing the order reception server according to
access information for directly accessing the order reception
server.

21. A computer-readable recording medium recorded with
the program defined in Claim 20 and access information for
directly accessing an order reception server installed in a
photograph processing agency.

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